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## Over Income Families To Remain Here

### Health Association To Take Over Emergency Hospital Equipment From Town On Rental Basis

Improved emergency medical facilities for Greenbelt are now assured by April 1, with the Greenbelt Health Association taking over equipment of the municipal hospital. Monday night the Town Council passed a motion instructing Town Manager Roy S. Braden to draw up a lease which will provide for the lending of approximately \$3,000 worth of hospital equipment to the Association for \$15 a month.

#### Inventory Limited

Preliminary negotiations for the agreement had been carried on by Mr. Braden, Dr. Joseph Silagy and Sherrod East, and terms of the lease aroused little argument among the councilmen.

The X-ray machine, sterilizer, and laboratory facilities are among the items included for Health Association use, but beds, linens and furniture of the now defunct Greenbelt hospital are not part of the \$3,000 inventory. One bed, however, will be made available so that minor operations such as tonsilectomies can be performed.

The negotiators expressed themselves as highly pleased with the agreement as a means of preserving for Greenbelt at least some semblance of hospital equipment as a nucleus for meeting local health needs.

Mr. East stated, "The Health Association appreciates the action of the Council in making this equipment available under these equitable terms."

Councilman Curt F. Barker stressed his belief that residents who are not members of the Health Association will also benefit by the availability of this equipment.

#### Mail Delivery Sought

Positive steps to bring home delivery of mail to the residents of Greenbelt were taken at the Council meeting, after the fact of easy attainment of the service was established. Acting upon Councilman George F. Bauer's suggestion the Council resolved to constitute itself a committee to push the sales of stamps, cards, envelopes and box rentals. This measure, it was felt, would help achieve the necessary volume of business by July 1, 1942 so that mail delivery direct to the homes would be assured. Councilman indicated that they hope to enlist the support of town organizations in the drive for increased postal revenue at the local station.

George J. Panagoulis, Director of Public Safety recommended the provision of air raid warden posts and pointed out unsatisfactory aspects of the present use of private homes.

### Blackout Ordinance Gives A.R.P. Power

Powerful teeth were placed in blackout and air-raid restrictions by the Town Council in its meeting of last Monday when it passed a drastic new blackout ordinance providing fines of from \$2 to \$100 and imprisonment for from 10 to 90 days for violators.

Auxiliary police and air-raid wardens are given power to use necessary authority to enforce blackouts. Automobiles are required to stop immediately after the warning and extinguish their lights. The ordinance further provides that it is the duty of regular and auxiliary police to arrest violators, and wardens are required to swear out warrants against violators.

The effectiveness of the blackout ordinance will be tested for the first time tonight, as this will be the first blackout since the ordinance was passed.

### Defense Corps Gets \$1000 Rally Funds

David R. Steinlie, on behalf of the Defense Rally finance committee, has presented the Greenbelt Defense Corps with \$1,014.38 to be used by the Greenbelt Corps to obtain the necessary equipment for local defense needs.

Acceptance of the money was accompanied by a vote of thanks to Mrs. Leon Benefiel, chairman of the Defense Rally Committee, and to all members and organizations who helped raise the money needed for local defense facilities.

Greenbelt's response to its first defense rally was described as magnificent. The Defense Rally money will be turned over to the Defense Corps' finance committee which, in turn, will issue monthly reports to the Town Council and to the Defense Corps to indicate how all funds in the defense treasury are being spent. All requests for appropriations will be made by the unit chiefs and will be subject to approval by the Defense Corps finance committee. Orders for materials will be placed through this committee. Requests for funds are expected to start pouring in soon, according to the latest advice.

### Can We Curb Rising Prices? Win 10 Dollars Telling Us How

By FRANCIS FOSNIGHT

Each day sees more and more ceilings or roofs put on the prices of various commodities we use in our everyday lives due to the pressing needs of war, or what is felt to be unwanted inflationary increases in those prices.

We have noted, with interest, that to date the majority of those ceilings have been placed on the manufacturers', processors', or wholesalers' sale prices, which leads us to wonder why this condition exists. It seems apparent from this procedure that the consumer is entirely at the mercy of the retailer. Prices that the retailer pays for his merchandise do not necessarily reflect or determine the prices he may charge.

We feel that this is of utmost importance to Greenbelt, as a co-operative community founded and growing on the basis of consumer organization. We feel that this community would be an ideal sounding board for sentiment along the lines of price control or some type of protection control on retail prices.

Do you feel that your government is doing as much as it could to protect you from profiteering on the part of unscrupulous and greedy retailers? Do you feel that your government should take an active part in our protection by establishing retail price ceilings?

We feel so strongly on this subject that we are willing to offer a prize of \$10 in defense stamps to

### Teachers To Get \$200 Salary Bonus

Teachers in Prince Georges County were voted a special bonus of \$200 at a meeting of the County commissioners at Upper Marlboro, Tuesday. A delegation from Greenbelt joined other Prince Georges County groups who attended the session to urge acceptance of the bonus resolution.

The bonus, it was stressed, was limited to 1942 and would be paid in September. According to sponsors of the measure, the sum was intended to augment the low salaries of county teachers until the wage scale is revised by legislation.

Among the County groups who participated in the successful move to secure the teachers' bonus were the Teachers Association, Federation of Parent-Teachers Association, Affiliated Mothers' Clubs, and the Prince Georges County Federation of Civic Associations.

Local delegates attending the Upper Marlboro meeting of County commissioners were: Miss Betty Strainer, Mrs. Catherine Reed, Mrs. Louis Dilman, president of Greenbelt's P.T.A., Mrs. Edwin Welsh, Mrs. Jack Martone, Mrs. Ed Kaighn, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Frank Lastner, Mrs. S. L. Perchick, Mrs. Tavenner and Mrs. Krupian.

### Bulletin

Due to the Black Out tonight the "All Greenbelt Night" has been postponed until, Friday, March 20, 1942. Same time, same program.

the person who writes the best letter on the subject "What I Feel My Government Should Do To Protect the Consumer".

The rules are simple: No limit on the length of the letter, sex or age of writer, and no limitation on the contents expressed in the letter. As a matter of fact, we hope to receive every imaginable type of expression and we cannot over-emphasize the importance of wide participation in this contest. We feel that the answers we receive in this contest will have a more far-reaching effect than merely a Greenbelt expression.

The judges will be chosen from the board of editors of the Cooperator, from the board of directors of another local cooperative, and one representative of a national cooperative organization. The names of these persons will be announced later. All letters received become the property of the Cooperator and may be used as the Cooperator sees fit within reasonable limits. Full credit will be given to the ideas and thoughts as expressed by the writer. In no event will it be used for any commercial or profit-making purpose.

The contest will close Saturday, March 28, and all letters must be post-marked or in the hands of the Cooperator on or before that date.

Further ideas and thoughts will be expressed next week editorially and in the meantime, start your letters rolling. You may write more than one, if you wish.

### March 31 Exodus Is Halted As F. S. A. Reverses Decision On Salary Limit Until Later

Postponement of the removal of over-income families in Greenbelt has been announced by Farm Security Administration, at least until the end of the present school term. A notice to this effect, sent to families above the income limit by Town Manager Roy Braden, quotes in full a letter received from Mason Barr, director of Resettlement Division.

### G.C.S. Announces Tentative Plans For New Stores

Greenbelt will get new stores if the volume of business demands it, according to George Hodsdon, general manager of Greenbelt Consumers Services.

The present shopping center can handle the majority of the expected increase, said Mr. Hodsdon, with the exception of the food store and gas station. Consideration has been given plans to enlarge both the drug and food store, explained Mr. Hodsdon, but further action is awaiting a decision by government agencies handling applications for added construction. Plans to enlarge the drug store include taking over the present bus station, increasing the seating capacity from 100 to 150. However, the bus station will not be available until another location is provided for public phones and rest rooms. Actually, said Mr. Hodsdon, the crowded condition of the drug store is due, not to the increased population, but to the large number of construction workers who eat lunch there.

By employing a night shift the food store could handle a much larger volume of business, explained Mr. Hodsdon. The night shift would handle stock, allowing the day shift to confine their duties to aiding customers in their purchases. A new butcher is being employed, in addition to the three full-time and one part-time butchers now working in the food store, and in the event of sufficient increase in business, additional personnel will be procured.

The original plans for construction of the new homes provide a space in which to build a shopping center. However, further action will be delayed until a decision has been made regarding the necessity of such construction.

### Nurses, Please Notice! Here Is Work To Do

Asking that any nurse, practical or graduate, who is interested in doing local work contact her, Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, tenant selection head for Greenbelt, explains that although a register of nurses and domestic helpers has always been kept in her office, the list is at present depleted, and a complete revision is now necessary.

Always in demand by convalescing maternity cases, requests for nurses have increased recently, according to Mrs. Kinzer, because of the measles epidemic.

### Garden Club Offers Help For Local Growers

Although the Administration has not announced plans for the allotment of gardens to local residents, the Garden Club has begun its seasonal activities, according to Oscar Zoellner, club president. Their only difficulty, said Mr. Zoellner, is that only 19 plots, each 50 by 50, are available for the use of the Garden Club, which has 30 members. Seventeen plots will be retained by those members who had them last year, leaving only two for the balance of the club.

Mr. Zoellner offered the advice of the club to anyone who desires (Continued on Page 4)

### Victory Book Drive

#### Passes Quota Here

In spite of the fact that the Victory Book campaign was scheduled to close February 12, the overwhelming response of those at home to the plea for books to send to the boys in army camps has resulted in extension of the campaign until the flow of literary contributions is over, Mrs. Reba Harris, Greenbelt librarian, told the Cooperator this week.

Prince Georges County's quota of 6,000 books has already been exceeded, Greenbelt having contributed 317 of the total, Mrs. Harris stated. The Maryland state quota of 33,000 has also been reached.

### Library Wins Praise Of State Commission

The State Library Planning Commission visited the Greenbelt Library in February as part of a survey of state libraries to determine plans to be formulated in an effort to obtain state aid for libraries.

According to Greenbelt librarian, Reba Harris, favorable comments were made by members of the commission about the local library's facilities and its reference and reading efforts.

### Lovejoy Leaves Greenbelt For Greener Pastures

Allen Lovejoy, of the food store staff, left Greenbelt last week to accept another position in New England. As educational director for a cooperative federation, he will work with individual co-ops on their educational programs.

Coming to Greenbelt last September, Mr. Lovejoy became a part-time clerk in the food store. Having had experience and training in educational and promotional work, he actively aided the membership committee in its drive for new members.

In this work he prepared literature, arranged neighborhood night meetings, and called on the newcomers to Greenbelt. During recent months his time was divided between these activities and the food store.

His new work "takes him back home," it was stated. He is married and has two children.

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## Off Again, On Again

With mixed feelings we note Farm Security Administration's decision to postpone the deadline for over-income families. All Greenbelt residents with salaries above the schedule established late last fall were to have left town by March 31 to make room for low-income families on the waiting list.

The Cooperator has agreed with the arguments in favor of a limitation of some sort, but a graduated scale of rents according to the income of residents seemed to us more reasonable than a flat ceiling. F. S. A. unwittingly displayed poor timing with the announcement of limitations effective on so large a number of residents at the very start of a war boom and housing shortage in the Washington area.

Now the ruling which threatened to put Greenbelt's mildly prosperous out of town has been indefinitely postponed—but after many families have already moved. Nothing can be done about this now, but we do think the responsible person at F. S. A. could have made up his mind whether or not his policy was any good a little earlier. Surely the problems entailed in enforcement of the new order were apparent before March opened. Families who had to move could scarcely afford to wait until the last possible day with housing so scarce in and around the Capitol. Many of them are gone now, and needlessly. Nearly 200 more are in the dark again, as they try to guess what the next move will be.

There is enough uncertainty already in living, without having to gamble on the puzzling shifts in F. S. A. housing policy. We are glad of this postponement, but we regret the indefinite tone of the letter sent out to over-income families this week.

## Keeping It Makes Sense

When the hospital closed its doors at the end of January we considered with regret the alternatives of selling or storing the inventory of equipment which ran into several thousand dollars. The Town Council's decision to rent a part of this to the Health Association for a nominal fee seems thoroughly sensible.

Certainly the town has nothing to lose by this arrangement inasmuch as the Health Association agrees to keep the X-ray, sterilizer, and other equipment in good repair. If the people of Greenbelt and their Town Council ever see the way clear to again establish a municipal hospital here will be available a nucleus of necessary items which will become increasingly difficult to obtain as the war continues. If the health group decide at some later date to end the agreement, this \$3000 worth of medical equipment can then be sold by the town at prevailing prices which will remain for the war's duration higher than original cost.

For the Health Association there is a prestige in possessing the only hospital equipment available in the town. If and when the organization clears up some of its other problems the new services which may now be offered should contribute to its growth and strength.

This appears to be one of those rare bargains where everyone concerned stands to gain, and no one to lose.

## Can't Happen Here?

From Gallia County Ohio comes one of the most startling medical stories of the year. The Medical Union, that is the county medical association, has decreed that in the future all home calls are herewith raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per each; but the pay off is in one other little item in their new price schedule. If you live outside of the city limits of the county seat or other village limits you must pay your doctor the sum of fifty cents per mile for each mile to and from your home in addition to the regular fee of \$5.00. These rates are minimum not maximum, and as in the usual case the doctor can charge what he thinks the traffic will bear.

We have only to point out that our own Prince Georges County Medical Association just recently decreed that if you are to be sick it must be before the hour of six p. m., and you can only be an emergency case after that time to

## Calendar of Events

Friday, March 13	Band Practice	6:30 P. M.	Auditorium
	Feeder Band Practice	6:30	Hobby Room
	Stringed Orchestra	7:00	Room 123
	Spanish Class	7:30	Room 222
	Community Church Choir	8:00	3-D Ridge
	Hebrew Congregation	9:00	Music Room
Saturday, March 14			
	Fire Auxiliary	2:00 P. M.	Fire House
	Confessions	7:30	27-A Ridge
Sunday, March 15			
	Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A. M.	Theater
	Catholic Mass	9:00	Theater
	Community Church Sunday School	9:30	
	Community Church Service	11:00	Elementary School
	L. D. S. Sunday School	11:00	Auditorium
	Police Auxiliary	2:00 P. M.	Home Ec. Room
	Fire Auxiliary	2:00	Pistol Range
	L. D. S. Priesthood	6:30	Fire House
	L. D. S. Service	7:00	Home Ec. Room
	Community Church Young Peoples Group	7:00	Home Ec. Room
	Community Church High School Group	8:00	Elementary School
Monday, March 16			
	Girl Scout Troop 26	7:00 P. M.	18-C Parkway
	Sewing Class	7:30	Room 223
	Typing and Shorthand	7:30	Home Ec. Room
	Home Mechanics	7:30	High School
	Police Auxiliary	7:45	High School
	Fire Auxiliary	7:45	Fire House
	Motor Corps	7:45	Fire House
	Catholic Choir	8:00	Music Room
Tuesday, March 17			
	Pottery Class	7:30 P. M.	21 Parkway
	First Aid	8:00	basement
	L. D. S. Ladies Relief Society	8:30	Room 225
	*First Aid Class (new)	7:30	Home Ec. Room
Wednesday, March 18			
	First Aid Class	2:00 P. M.	3-H Ridge
	Brownies	3:30	Music Room
	Police Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
	Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway
	Girl Scout Troop 15	7:30	basement
	Girl Scout Troop 18	7:30	Room 223
	First Aid	7:45	Room 225
	Fire Auxiliary (new class)	8:00	Fire House
	Athletic Club	8:00	Clubhouse
	Camera Club	8:00	Room 222
	Midweek Meeting	8:00	Music Room
Thursday, March 19			
	Women's Club	2:00 P. M.	3-D Ridge
	L. D. S. Primary Group	4:00	Music Room
	Boy Scout Troop 202	7:00	Hobby Room
	Girl Scout Troop 17	7:30	Room 123
	Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway
	First Aid	7:45	basement
	American Legion	8:00	Music Room
	Legion Auxiliary	8:00	Legion House
	Garden Club	8:30	Room 222

### \*First Aid Class

It is essential for anyone who wishes to render first aid to know how to tie a square knot.

Hold one end of what is to be tied in the left hand and the other end of what is to be tied in the right hand. First pass the end in the left hand over and under the end in the right hand.

Now grasp the end that is in the left hand with the right hand and the end that was in the right hand with the left hand and pull the ends tight. That being done, take the end that is now in the right hand, but which was in the left hand, and pass it over and under the end that is now in the left hand, but which was in the right hand. Now grasp the end in the left hand with the right hand and the end in the right hand with the left hand and pull that tight. And there you have the square knot.

That is, provided you have not, in trying to follow the directions, confused the end that was in the right hand with the end that was in the left hand, or carried an end over that should have been carried under, or carried an end under that should have been carried over, or have not shifted the end held by the right hand into the left hand, or the end held by the left hand into the right hand.

The foregoing is, of course, nonsense. But the First Aid Classes now being given throughout Greenbelt are not. They are being conducted by persons holding instructors certificates which have been issued by the American Red Cross. There is no charge; the only cost is the 60 cent charge for the textbook and the price of a 40-inch square of unbleached muslin from which two triangular bandages are made. Surely this, along with a couple of hours work a week, makes a First Aid class a "best buy". Even if we never see the Japs over Washington—and God grant we may not—First Aid comes in mighty handy when Junior falls headlong out of the apple tree or you open a can of sardines via the left wrist. Pick out the class that suits you best and let's see you wrap a splint around your partner's neck.

## Your Income Tax

This year more than six million American citizens are filing their first income tax returns making their initial contributions to Government through this medium of Federal taxation.

Reports reaching the Treasury Department from all collection districts indicate that our people have cheerfully assumed the additional tax burden which is one of the inevitable consequences of total war.

While these reports offer testimony to the fact that a new spirit pervades the Nation's taxpayers, it is still imperative that the public be reminded, again and again, of the need for prompt payment of their tax liabilities. Do it now!

receive the benefits of the medical profession. We sincerely hope that the P. G. Medical Association doesn't take this latest wrinkle to heart. We believe in unions to protect us in our everyday life but we fail to see any justification in the unionization of human ailment.

If there is anything that should wake us up to the benefits of cooperative medicine it is facts like these. When you the people own and operate your own health facilities you know you cannot be forced to pay for more than you receive or to maintain union hours in your illness.

## Community Church

"A Good Wide Awake Scout" will be the subject of the sermon to be presented by the Reverend Wilmer P. Johnston Sunday morning, March 15, at 11:00. This Sunday, Annual Girl Scout Day, will be observed by several Girl Scout troops and their parents, and space has been reserved for them.

The Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a. m., there are classes for all ages. In spite of the disorganizing effect of the recent measles epidemic, the Sunday School teachers are working hard to reorganize and rebuild their classes.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday School will hold their meetings this Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Church Office at 8-B Parkway, in place of the usual meeting on Thursday.

The regular mid-week meeting will be held Wednesday at 8 p. m. This meeting is conducted for those unable to attend the Sunday Worship, those desiring help with the preparation of their Sunday School lesson, and for those who would like to become better acquainted with friends and members of the Community Church.

The Young People's Society will meet at the usual time and place.

Members who live at 16 Ridge Road and 18 Southway will meet on Thursday at 8 p. m.

The Choir will meet tonight at Mr. and Mrs. Neff's home, 3-D Ridge Road.

The Guild is still receiving subscriptions for a popular magazine. The subscription price is \$1 for one year and \$1.50 for two years, and \$2.00 for three years. The price will be \$1.50 a year after March 20. For further information contact Mrs. Morton Smith, Mrs. Neff, or the Community Church Office, 8-B Parkway.

## Civil Service News

Radio inspectors and addressograph operators are being sought through civil-service examinations just announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

As a result of the radio inspector examination, persons will be appointed to positions in the Federal Communications Commission paying \$2,000 and \$2,600 a year. Applicants must have completed a 4-year college course either in electrical or communication engineering or with a major in physics. Provision is made for the substitution of certain radio engineering experience for the education. For the \$2,600 positions, applicants must have had in addition 1 year of appropriate experience or graduate study. The ability to drive a car, and ability to transmit and receive in Morse Code are required. There will be a written test of theoretical and practical questions on radio and electrical engineering. The closing date for receipt of applications is April 21, 1942. Under certain conditions applications will be accepted from senior and graduate college students.

The addressograph operator examination is for appointment in Washington, D. C., only and the positions pay \$1,260 and \$1,440 a year. For the \$1,440 jobs applicants must have had at least 3 full months of paid experience operating an automatic-feed motor-driven addressograph machine, while only 1 month of experience on a motor-driven machine equipped for either hand or automatic feeding is necessary for the lower grade positions. The machines must have used embossed metal address plates. No written test will be given and applications will be accepted until further notice.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second-class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Bonds or bondage? Buy U. S. Savings Bonds.

## Classified Ads

FOR SALE—Two night tables, light oak; Greenbelt furniture, reasonable. Greenbelt 3322.

WANTED—Washing Machine, 8 or 10 pound capacity; good condition. 19-M Ridge Road.

WILL care for three to five year old girl by the week. Greenbelt 3106.

# OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

In spite of the set-backs our men are experiencing on the war front, and in spite of all the important news in the papers and on the radio, the "news" uppermost in my mind is that spring is nearly here. Thank goodness there won't be any priorities on spring by the occasional days that become more and more frequent when you walk out of the house and don't automatically pull your coat more tightly about you and bury your chin in your collar; days that make you want to take a hike to the lake or bounce a few balls across the tennis net. As Shelley says it, "If winter comes can spring be far behind?"

Wedding announcements have always been considered pretty good signs that spring was near. We have two this week. Mrs. David Davenport Dungan, of Arlington, Virginia, announces the engagement of her daughter, Doris Louise (Doris is our expert first-aid instructor) to William Max Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong, of Wichita, Kansas. Miss Dungan is a graduate of George Washington University and a member of Sigma Kappa International Sorority. Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of Oklahoma A. and M. College, and is located with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington. Miss Dungan has selected Saturday, April 4, for the date of her wedding. The ceremony will take place at the Clarendon Methodist Church in Arlington, Virginia. —Mrs. Denzil Wood's sister, Miss Maxine Michelsen of Washington, D. C., was married in Miami Tuesday, March 10, to Guy Stark. They left Thursday for Cuba where they plan to make their home with her father, Hamilton Michelsen. You probably saw Miss Michelsen with her sister, Kitty. She attended Spanish class here until just before Christmas.

An old friend of Greenbelt, Mrs. Peggy Bargas, was here visiting Mrs. Peggy Arness from February 24, until March 1. Joe Bargas, who left here last June for Daniel Field, an air base at Augusta, Georgia, has been raised from a First Lieutenant to a Captain, and has been recommended by his commanding officer, Colonel Boisseau, for the rank of major. Peggy A. got a wire Tuesday from Peggy B. saying that Joe had been ordered overseas, "destination unknown." We're all hoping that Peggy will bring her family back to Greenbelt to live.

At their meeting Thursday March 5, the American Legion Auxiliary discussed the annual award, announced by Mrs. Hedges, president, of five scholarships to orphans of veterans, authorized by the national convention in Milwaukee. Known as the "National President's Scholarships," the awards will amount to a maximum of \$400 each, depending upon the needs of winners. \$2000 was approved by the National Executive Committee for this purpose. Candidates must be girls who are orphans of World War veterans graduates of an accredited high school, and between the years of sixteen and twenty, inclusive. Those interested may call Mrs. Thomas McNamara. Mrs. Kaighn, hostess at the meeting, served delicious refreshments.

The March 18, meeting of the Greenbelt Camera Club, mentioned in "Calendar of Events," will feature an interesting and instructive lecture on "Photographic Pictorialism" as prepared by Dr. E. P. Wightman. The talk will be fully illustrated by sixty slides and the basic rules of pictorial composition will be presented and explained.

Mrs. Christina Argentina of New York, is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. Stiller at 20-E Crescent Road. That's all until next week.

## One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of March 14, 1941)

"Gone with the Wind" drops into town—G.C.S. explains higher food prices—Shub asks for more cars—7 volunteers donate blood for bank—Engineers begin work on the new houses—Co-op employees go to N. Y. school—Braden may get defense job—Co-op share certificates ready—Scouts win awards in review tests—High school queen crowned tonight.

## High School Chatter

By JOAN McNAMARA

Hi, 'ya—

Well, tonight's "All Greenbelt Night"—(So you've heard). But, anyway, how 'bout coming over to the Elementary School about 8 P. M. and see our great basketball teams lick Hyattsville? (We hope.) A wonderful time is assured you, including the crowning of the "High School Queen". The price is only 28 cents including your defense tax.

Don't say I told you, But— Did 'ja see that animated cow in the local food store? Yeah? Well, it reminds us of chewing gum. (Big joke.)

We bade our sad adieu to Dot Herbert last week. Dot left school to take a position at the British Embassy. Best of luck, Dot, from all your friends at school.

As much as I hate it, I have to make my column real short this week for the simple reason that there isn't any jive worth printing.

I'll try and make up for it next week, and meanwhile, I'll see you at the "All Greenbelt Night" tonight. 'Bye.

## GCS Asks Members Pay Share Balances

As a part of its share drive, Greenbelt Consumer Services last Saturday mailed audit statements to the membership informing every one who turned in 1941 patronage slips of the condition of his share account in the cooperative. It is "hoped" that "members will pay in enough cash to make an even share," according to the statement.

The membership committee of the co-op is pleading with members to increase their share capital investments. As a result of the patronage dividends, many accounts lack small amounts to complete full shares. Paying these additional amounts in cash now would materially strengthen the co-op's financial condition, it was stated.

There are over 700 members in G. C. S. If an average of \$5 was paid in by each one, a spokesman said, the \$3,500 received would probably save the cooperative from being forced to borrow funds to cover the withdrawals of members leaving Greenbelt.

Also being featured by the membership committee in its campaign is the five per cent interest that G. C. S. pays on outstanding stock. No interest is paid except on full shares.

The cooperative is waiting until after April 15 to issue stock certificates to those who have obtained additional shares as a result of the recent patronage return. The reason given is that every certificate issued costs about 25 cents and "a considerable amount can be saved at this time by paying up part-paid shares and issuing the stock all at once."

## Kids Are Pikers; or, "Spare That Tree"

Last summer some of the youngsters at the end of A block began construction of a log house down in the woods. The work went slowly, because there were only hatchets available, and sometimes the younger youngsters engaged in sabotage after being chased away during construction hours.

The walls reached a height of five feet before the hand of the law reached out and brought operations to a halt. Greenbelt's officers were nice about it, as usual but the youngsters were cutting trees and that had to stop. And if every boy and girl in town began cutting trees to build log cabins what would become of the protective strip of woods around Greenbelt? So the cabin never had a roof.

This week a power line made necessary the cutting of a swath of trees just west of town. The forlorn cabin lay directly in the path, and lasted but a few minutes when the woodsmen reached it. Now the cabin logs are stacked up at the edge of the clearing, together with the logs of a thousand other trees.

Judge: "Now tell the court how the accident happened."

Elwood: "Well, I dimmed my lights and was hugging the curve . . ."

Judge: "So you were! That's how most accidents happen. Fifty dollars and fifty days."

## Timely Facts for Consumers

Intelligent Consumption Makes for Better, Happier Living.

### YOU CAN'T HOARD BATTERIES

You can't hoard a battery, says Curt Muser of U. S. Rubber Co. Reason: storage batteries wear out as fast or faster when not in use than they do when in use.

And you gain nothing by using two batteries alternately in a car; in fact you incur an extra and unnecessary expense in having both batteries recharged frequently by the dealer. No, the generator in your car won't charge up a battery after it has stood idle.

Lastly, there is no call to hoard, anyway. For there is no shortage of automobile batteries.

### CARE FOR YOUR COOLER

The war is stopping manufacture of electric refrigerators like cars, so here are suggestions on how to make your present one last:

1. Wipe up all spilled foods in the cabinet immediately. Acid foods, if not removed, are apt to destroy the glaze of the porcelain enamel surface.

2. Use slightly warm soda water to wash the inside of your refrigerator. Don't fail to wash both the inside and the outside of the freezing unit. The best time to do it is when you're defrosting the refrigerator.

3. Wash the outside of the refrigerator with mild soap and water or use a cleaning agent that isn't abrasive.

4. If you have rubber dividers in your ice trays, wash them in lukewarm water; never scald them.

5. Keep the coils or fins of the refrigerating mechanism in the motor compartment clean too. You can use either a stiff brush or the hand attachment of your vacuum cleaner.

6. Defrost the cooling unit before the ice on it is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick.

7. The motor of an electric refrigerator should do its job operating about one-third of the time, under average temperature conditions. If it runs more than this,

### Pottery Making

## May Bring Money; Taeler Advises

By SEYMOUR LEVINE

If the people of Greenbelt take to pottery making seriously, the occupation may turn out to be a very profitable one. This was announced by Monte L. Taeler, instructor, who said that the pottery class has now outgrown its early stages of development and is going to operate in full swing in a short time. The class, which meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, is now attended by approximately 15 students who come for instruction on one or more nights each week.

Mr. Taeler has located beds of clay near the town premises. This has enabled the students to save the money they otherwise would have had to spend for clay at the market price of 8 cents per pound. The clay is dug up in an impure state and then processed. This process consists of soaking the clay to clear out the impurities, and then straining it. After further soaking, it is drained and put into a plastic tray where it is slightly dried, providing a plastic consistency which is excellent for the manufacture of pottery. Mr. Taeler also explained that he has constructed, with the aid of several Greenbelt carpenters, all the tables and materials needed for use by his class.

After drying, the clay is prepared, with the aid of a wedge, for hand building. It is then shaped and allowed to dry. The class hopes to build a kiln as soon as it can obtain the necessary funds. Mr. Taeler is experienced in the operation and construction of the kiln, and is prepared to offer his skill and labor for its construction. The students also expect to be trained in the firing and glazing of pottery. The finished product can well grace the home of the maker, and Mr. Taeler also stated that many finished products of his former classes were sold for decent sums.

People interested in joining the class should come down to the basement rooms of 21 Parkway and join as soon as possible since he expects to turn away prospective students for want of space in the near future. Outdoor classes during the summer for youngsters not under 10 years of age are anticipated.

## Balancing the Budget

By BERTHA MARYN

Superior, best, very best, choice, supreme, special, extra special, super, good, select superb—what an array of adjectives and what do they all mean? When for example you buy a can of Pel Donte Super Special Peaches are you getting A, B, or C grade?

"Oh, are there grades of peaches?" Not only peaches, Mrs. Consumer, but any number of fruits and vegetables, both canned and dried.

"Who sets up standards for grades?" "What do the different grades mean?" "How can I save money by buying by grade?"

These are all very good questions, Mrs. Consumer, and here is the story on grades and labeling—

Way back in "Grandma's" day before the canning industry was developed, each home "put up" jars and jars of preserves, fruits and vegetables for winter. Naturally, since it was for the use of the family, mother or grandma tried to get the very best products to put into those jars; there was little need of quality standards.

Then came the canner, canning foods for hundreds of families. Buying fruits and vegetables in such huge lots, the canner discovered that the raw products often varied in quality. Some fruits were larger than others; some vegetables more perfectly shaped than others. So, it became necessary for the canner to separate the various qualities and sizes into groups such as Fancy, Choice, Standard or Substandard; small, large, etc. In order to identify his particular products, the canner began to use brand names. The wholesaler followed suit and developed brand names to identify the products he sold to the retail grocers. Since the wholesaler sold to many retailers in the same city he found it to his advantage to use more and more brand names in order to be able to sell to more retailers.

### Brand Names Misleading

That is why today we find merchandise of identical grade often packed in the same factory, selling in stores in the same town, often side by side, under different names and at various prices. So that Mrs. Doe buying from Grocer X Grade C peas labeled "Rockwell Super Select," may get exactly the same product as her next door neighbor who bought "Waterbury's Supreme."

That is why a system of grading was developed. The system of brand names became complex and somewhat confusing. Banks and financial backers found it very unbusinesslike to loan money on stocks of canned foods merely on brand names; they wanted specific information as to the exact quality of the merchandise on which they were lending money. Dealers and bankers turned to the Federal Government and asked that definitions of standards be set up for grading of fresh fruits and vegetables. These standards, set up by the Department of Agriculture, although used by the trade are in most cases designated in code since they were originated for the benefit of dealers, packers and bankers. The consumer benefited only indirectly because he was not aware of the grading system and its advantages. In recent years, however, consumer demand has put the grade identification on the label so that consumers can tell what they buy. However, although set up by the Federal Government and inspection in the case of U. S. Inspected goods, is controlled by the government, grade labeling in the United States is not compulsory, but purely voluntary. Grade labeling in the Dominion of Canada however is compulsory. Nationally known U. S. packers and canners are forced by law to put the grade of the canned product they send to Canada, while the rest of the same batch sold in the United States need not tell the grade.

(To be continued.)

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## Congressman Voorhis Lauds Cooperatives

"I believe in cooperatives because they are the one means that I know of whereby I am sure our problem of poverty in the midst of plenty can be solved," says Congressman Jerry Voorhis in an exclusive article for Consumers Cooperation, the official organ of the Cooperative movement in the United States.

"Why am I so deeply interested in Cooperatives?

"Because I know the economic problems that have been destroying democracy and freedom must be solved. Because I know free governments cannot live where there are no free farmers. Because I know that the unemployment problem has not been solved and that it must be solved before constitutional democracy as a form of government will be safe. Because I know that men, in an age that they know could be an age of plenty, are not long going to endure the misery and humiliation of joblessness again—especially not when they have just returned from defending their nation in the front lines of war. Because I know that private monopoly in industry and especially in finance means the end of free enterprise and has been the very basis upon which Nazi and Fascist dictatorships have been built in other countries. Because I know that the solution of all evil things must ultimately be found in methods that are good, in methods that partake to a considerable extent at least of external laws of God."

"I am interested in Cooperatives because they can and they have restored to farmers in this country and in many other countries the control over their own economic destiny. I believe in them because they offer a way to make the dollar of the working man buy more of the products he and his fellows produce. I believe in them because they can and they have met more than one entrenched monopoly on its own ground and beaten it."

"I believe in them because the more business they do the better they profit, because never can they be successful by a restriction of production or distribution or exchange. I believe in them because they are the only means I know of whereby these problems, which must be worked out if democracy is to live, can be solved without a vast control over the lives of men by government."

"I believe in them because they can only succeed as they improve the welfare of others besides themselves or their own members—because the success of a cooperative therefore accords perfectly with the eternal principle of the Golden Rule."

"I believe in Cooperatives because they are the one means that I know of whereby I am sure our problem of poverty in the midst of plenty can be solved—and, what is more, solved without resort of governmental dictatorship or to the development of a dependence of millions of people upon governmental support. Cooperatives are true democracy in the practical field of economic life because each member has one vote whether his financial contribution be large or small. If we believe in democracy sincerely we just have to believe in Cooperatives."

"And last of all I believe in them because they offer to the common people something they can do for themselves now with their small resources, a great and sound idea, a willingness to study and to work, and a deep and abiding loyalty. These resources every group of people in the world possess. And therefore the message of the Cooperatives to a distressed world is more fundamentally a message of hope than any other message I know."

The above article is featured in the February issue of Consumers Cooperation a monthly magazine (\$1 a year) published by The Cooperative League of the U. S. A., 167 West 12th Street, New York City.

### Athletic Club Raffles For Summer Program

The Athletic Club, in an effort to raise funds for its summer sports activities, announces it will raffle off a \$50 Defense Bond and 10 tickets to the opening baseball game between the Washington Senators and the New York Yankees. The raffle will be conducted on April 11.

Tickets, at 25 cents, may be obtained from any member of the Athletic Club.

Money talks! United States Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps shout "Victory!"

### Garden Club

(Continued from Page 1) information on crops which can be grown in this locality, types of fertilizer to be used for maximum results, and the correct planting dates for various crops.

In past years gardens have been offered at \$1 per year for seasonal plots to all who request them. Fees for permanent gardens did not have to be renewed annually.

### Something To Worry About

The Duchess of Windsor during her recent New York visit bought several new hats. She favors hats that fit down well on the back of the head, and are worn off the forehead revealing her brow. The former Wallis Warfield knows the psychology of dress, and considers hats an important part of her costume. She usually wears a short veil.

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